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SUBJECT: BRITISH ARMS SALES TO LIBYA

1. WE HAD OCCASION RECENTLY TO QUESTION HEAD OF FCO
NEAR EAST AND NORTH AFRICAN DEPARTMENT CRAIG ON CURRENT
STATE OF BRITISH ARMS SALES TO LIBYA, MENTIONING REPORTS
OF STERLING MACHINE GUNS AMONG OTHER ITEMS.
2. CRAIG SAID THE COMPANY HAD BEEN INTERESTED IN
SELLING MACHINE GUNS, BUT HMG REFUSED PERMISSION. AS
THE GOVERNMENT HAS REPEATEDLY ASSURED PARLIAMENT, HMG
POLICY IS TO REFUSE SALES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO LIBYA
WHICH MIGHT FIND ITS WAY INTO THE HANDS OF THE IRA.
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